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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 35, 57 and 58 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-34 and 36-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-945)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/19/06, 10/5/07
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 35 and 57-58 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 12/29/10.
2. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 30-34 and 36-56 in the reply filed on 12/29/10 is acknowledged.
3. Claims 30-34 and 36-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The phrase "in particular..vehicle opening" (cl 30, lns 1-2) is indefinite because it scope of the phrase is unascertainable.

The phrase "the open mould" (cl 30, ln 10) lacks antecedent basis in the claim.

The phrase "preferably...50 mbar" (cl 31, lns 4-7) is indefinite because it scope of the phrase is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...mPa.s" (cl 33, lns 3-4) is indefinite because it scope of the phrase is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...x d" (cl 37, ln 5) is indefinite because it scope of the phrase is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...20mm" (cl 38, ln 3) is indefinite because it scope of the phrase is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...1mm" (cl 40, ln 2-3) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...1mm" (cl 41, lns 3-4) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...0.4mm" (cl 42, lns 3-4) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...material" (cl 43, lns 2-5) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "in particular...PTFE" (cl 44, lns 3-4) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...mixture" (cl 51, lns 4-5) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...200 kg/m³" (cl 52, lns 4-5) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "preferably...500 kg/m³" (cl 53, ln 4) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

The phrase "in particular...foam" (cl 54, lns 2-5) is indefinite because its scope is unascertainable.

Correction and/or clarification are required.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following USPNs teach the state of the art:

5489409, RE37341, 5908595, 5645785, and 5464575. The following JP patents teach the following of the art: 04226309, 04226321, and 2000117806.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDMUND H. LEE whose telephone number is 571.272.1204. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571.272.1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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